

ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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TO : Director of Personnel
 VIA : Deputy Director (Support)
 SUBJECT : Federal Intern Program

REFERENCE:

1. I have had several inquiries from outside the Agency as to why the Central Intelligence Agency does not participate in the summer intern program as do other federal departments. I have explained quite carefully in each instance that because of our inability to clear temporary employees for sensitive material, we had discovered by experience that we could not satisfactorily use summer interns. I pointed out to them that not only did the Agency not profit by using them -- we did not receive our money's worth in work -- but that the summer interns themselves did not feel the work was satisfactory because they could only do part of a job and recognized that there were other areas to which they could not have access.

2. Despite the fact that we cannot use summer interns, I still believe that the Agency should arrange for an opportunity to talk to them about careers in intelligence. I understand that other federal departments and agencies are going to considerable efforts to put on presentations for these people to interest them in careers in government, and because of the size of the group that there will be meetings in the Departmental Auditorium. I would suggest that we make efforts to get at least an hour with this group in the Departmental Auditorium -- more time if we can -- and put on a presentation about the Agency similar to the ones that I have given to the graduate students from Columbia University and Syracuse's Maxwell School this spring. I think it can be done on an unclassified, although off-the-record, version, and I believe it would pay big dividends in our recruitment program. Would you advise me as to what progress you make.

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